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**CONGRESSMAN HOLDEN RECEIVES
FREDERICK L. ZIMMERMANN AWARD FROM SRBC**

HARRISBURG, Pa.. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC, www.srbc.net) today presented its 7th *Frederick L. Zimmermann Award* to Congressman Tim Holden (PA District 17). SRBC presents the Zimmermann award (www.srbc.net/about/commawards/zimmerman/zimmerman.htm) periodically to honor elected officials who demonstrate excellence in water resources management by promoting and advancing watershed management and interstate cooperation.

Congressman Holden's achievements cited by SRBC included the restoration of federal funding in FY-09 for SRBC and the Delaware and Potomac river basin commissions, and the passage of the 2007 Farm Bill that contained stronger conservation provisions in support of agriculture, the Susquehanna basin and the Chesapeake Bay.

SRBC Executive Director Paul Swartz said, "Congressman Holden appreciates the important work the Commission performs to manage the vast, tri-state Susquehanna River Basin. Like Frederick Zimmermann, Congressman Holden champions for watershed management through the legislative arena. His keen awareness of interstate cooperation and his untiring dedication to the citizens of the Susquehanna Valley are the values that make him a truly worthy recipient of the Zimmermann Award."

Frederick L. Zimmermann (1906-1993) was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. Among his many notable contributions, Frederick Zimmermann:

- served six terms in the New York State General Assembly, where he introduced the resolution that led to the formation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation;
- initiated the formation of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact, which authorized the creation of SRBC for a 100-year duration;
- served as Chairman of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact Drafting Task Force from 1964 to 1967; and
- co-authored *The Law and Use of Interstate Compacts*.

Past recipients of SRBC's Frederick L. Zimmermann Award are: 2007–State Rep. Jerry Stern, Pennsylvania; 2005–U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Maryland; 2001–State Senator John R. Kuhl, Jr., New York; 2000–State Del. David D. Rudolph, Maryland; 1998–State Rep. Russell H. Fairchild, Pennsylvania; and 1996–U.S. Rep. Sherwood L. Boehlert, New York.

The Harrisburg-based SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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